

IN RECOGNITION OF “RED RIBBON WEEK”

WHEREAS, substance abuse is particularly damaging to one of our most valuable resources, our children, and a contributing factor in the three leading causes of death for teenagers -- accidents, homicides and suicides; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Georgia Red Ribbon Campaign and the City of Augusta to involve families, schools, businesses, churches, law enforcement agencies and service organizations in all aspects of this campaign and establish an atmosphere that supports awareness, education and on-going initiatives to prevent illegal drug use; and

WHEREAS, this years Red Ribbon Campaign theme is “Unite for a Drug Free World” promotes family and individual responsibility for living healthy, drug-free lifestyles, without illegal drugs or the illegal use of legal drugs; and

WHEREAS, this campaign strives to mobilize communities into action by establishing parent/community coalitions who will provide activities all year long focusing on its theme.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of Augusta, Georgia do hereby proclaim October 23 though October 31, 2003 as “Red Ribbon Week” in Augusta, Georgia and urge all citizens to join in the week's activities and to work all year long to protect our community from the dangers of alcohol and other drugs.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have unto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia to be affixed this 21st Day of October 2003.